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SUBJ: BOTTLENECKS IN TURKISH TRANSIT GOODS TRANSPORT:
ROMANIA SEEKS ALTERNATIVES

1. DURING ASST SECY BINDER'S CALL ON MINISTRY OF
TRANSPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATION AUG 6, DEPUTY MINISTER
OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, RESEARCH AND ADMINISTRATION
CORNELIU BURADA DISCUSSED CARGO TRANSPORT BETWEEN ROMANIA
AND IRAN. TRADITIONAL ROUTE HAS BEEN TO BOSPORUS BY
RAIL AND THEN TRUCK THROUGH TURKEY TO IRAN. ACCORDING
TO BURADA, THIS SYSTEM IS UNSATISFACTORY BECAUSE OF
DELAYS, ADDED COSTS, AND THEFT. ROMANIA IS NOW ROUTING
CONSIDERABLE TRAFFIC THROUGH USSR, PERMITTING ENTIRE
TRIP BY RAIL. ENTRY POINT INTO IRAN IS DZHUL'FA.
BURADA, GETTING SOUR EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE, SAID
SOVIETS WERE CAUSING SO MANY TROUBLES NOW WITH THAT
ROUTE AS TO MAKE IT AN UNACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE.

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2. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN, EMBOFF LEARNED SHAH IS CONSIDERING ESTABLISHMENT OF CARGO AIRLINE FROM CONSTANTA TO TEHRAN. TO AVOID TRUCKING THROUGH TURKEY OR RAILROADING THROUGH USSR, IRANIAN IMPORTS FROM REST OF EUROPE WOULD BE FUNNELLED THROUGH CONSTANTA, AND FROM THERE BY AIR TO TEHRAN. BUSINESSMAN CLAIMS SHAH HAS DIRECTLY APPROACHED HIS COMPANY'S PRESIDENT WITH WHOM HE IS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED, REQUESTING HE LOOK INTO PLAN'S FEASIBILITY.

3. ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES CAN SUPPLY, ESPECIALLY REGARDING BURADA'S REFERENCE TO PROBLEMS WITH SOVIET ROUTE, WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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